



General Assembly

***Substitute Bill No. 5155***

***February Session, 2002***

***AN ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE DURING PERIODS OF EMERGENCY OR DISASTER.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) (a) The Commissioner of  
2       Public Health may issue an order to temporarily suspend, for a period  
3       not to exceed sixty consecutive days, the requirements for licensure,  
4       certification or registration, pursuant to chapters 368d, 370, 376, 376c,  
5       378, 378a, 381a, 383 to 383c, inclusive, 384d, 385, 395, 400a and 474 of  
6       the general statutes, to allow persons who are appropriately licensed,  
7       certified or registered in another state or territory of the United States  
8       or the District of Columbia, to render temporary assistance in  
9       managing an emergency in this state, declared pursuant to any  
10      provisions of the general statutes, arising from natural disaster,  
11      technological hazard, man-made disaster, civil emergency aspects of  
12      resources shortages, community disorders, insurgency or enemy  
13      attack.

14      (b) The state of Connecticut shall pay on behalf of any licensed,  
15      certified or registered practitioner described in subsection (a) of this  
16      section who renders emergency medical or professional assistance,  
17      pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, at the scene of an emergency  
18      to a person in need thereof, all sums which such practitioner becomes  
19      obligated to pay by reason of such practitioner's liability for damages  
20      imposed upon such practitioner as a result of such practitioner's

21 conduct pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

22 (c) Nothing in this section shall be deemed or construed to relieve a  
23 licensed practitioner from liability for damages for injuries or death  
24 caused by an act or omission of the part of a practitioner while  
25 rendering professional services in the normal and ordinary course of  
26 such practitioner's practice.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

**GL**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**JUD**           *Joint Favorable*